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SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: PROFESSOR DR. HANS ROLFF

1. WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY PROFESSOR DR. HANS ROLFF, DIRECTOR OF THE NORTHRHINE WESTPHALIAN SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH OFFICE WITH A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING A SERIES OF VISITS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE U.S. AND MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND EDUCATORS. PROFESSOR ROLFF WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO COLLEAGUES, DR. KLAUS KLEMM AND DR. GEORG HANSEN, AND PLANS TO MAKE HIS TWO-WEEK-VISIT TO THE U.S. MARCH 15-30, 74. HIS FUNDS WILL ONLY PERMIT HIM TO TRAVEL ALONG THE EASTERN SEABOARD, I.E. WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

2. PROFESSOR ROLFF HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO WHAT HE WANTS TO SEE IN THE U.S. THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS REFLECT HIS EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THOSE AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO HIS PURPOSES: THESE INCLUDE:

A) THE PROBLEM OF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING OVER A 10-15 YEAR PERIOD WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS UPON THE AMERICAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

B) REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL LABORATORIES CONCERNED WITH CURRICULUM PLANNING AND THE DISSEMINATION OF INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL IDEAS.

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C) EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.
PROFESSOR ROLFF UNDERSTANDS THERE ARE THIRTY SUCH CENTERS IN
THE U.S., INCLUDING ONE IN NEW YORK CITY ITSELF.

D) SCHOOLS WITHIN SCHOOLS, I.E. THE INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF
AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOLS.

E) THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

F) NEW YORK TEACHER-STREET WORKERS, E.E. A PROGRAM THAT HAS
BEEN DEVELOPED IN NEW YORK TO DEAL WITH SCHOOL DROP-OUTS.

3. PROFESSOR ROLFF'S SUGGESTIONS REFLECT HIS PRE-OCCUPATION
WITH EFFORTS NOW UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP * COMPREHE *IVE
SCHOOL SYSTEM IN GERMANY. HIS INSTITUTE IS DEEPLY INVOLVED
IN THIS AREA AND HE HOPES BY HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. TO
GATHER INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE HELPFUL TO THIS LONG-TERM PROJECT.

4. PROFESSOR ROLFF AND HIS COLLEAGUES ALL SPEAK REASONABLY
FLUENT ENGLISH. THEY WILL MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL
TO AND FROM THE U.S. AS WELL AS INTERNAL TRAVEL AND HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE FROM US IN
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TWO-WEEK-PROGRAM WHICH WILL ENABLE
THEM TO COVER MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE GROUND DESCRIBED
ABOVE.

5. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT PROFESSOR ROLFF'S REQUEST AND HOPE
THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM
RESPONSIVE TO HIS INTERESTS. HENNEMEYER

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